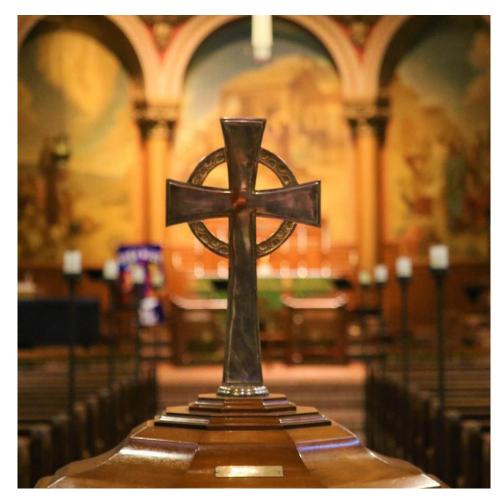
# The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



August 29, 2021



Wide Open Doors Wide Open Hearts

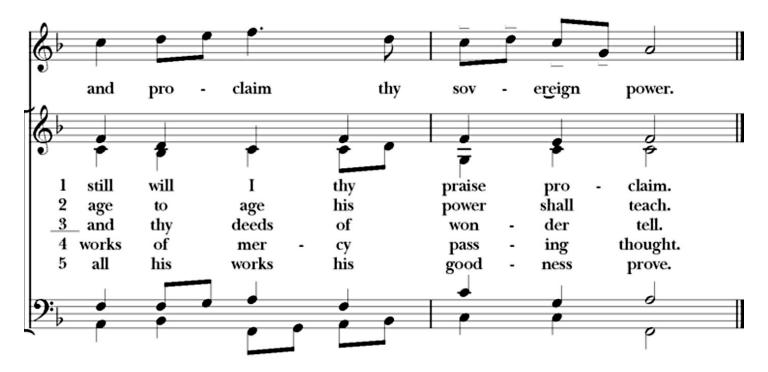
# The Service of Holy Communion, Rite II

**Prelude** They That Shall Endure to the End Felix Mendelssohn

They that shall endure to the end shall be blessed.

**Entrance Hymn** God, my King, thy might confessing, **Hymnal 414**Stuttgart





6 All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee; thee shall all thy saints adore: King supreme shall they confess thee, and proclaim thy sovereign power.

# **Opening Acclamation**

Leader Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

# **The Collect for Purity**

Leader Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### John French- Rittenhouse Mass



# The Collect of the Day

Leader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Leader Let us pray.

Leader

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

### The First Lesson

**Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9** 

Reader A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children. Reader The Word of the Lord. **People Thanks be to God.** *Silence* 

Psalm 15 David Hurd



- 1 LORD, who may / dwell in your / tabernacle? \* who may abide up/on your / holy / hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and / does what is / right, \* who / speaks the / truth from his / heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no / evil to his / friend; \* he does not heap con/tempt up/on his / neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the / wicked is re/jected, \* but he honors / those who / fear the / LORD.
- 5 He has sworn to / do no / wrong \* and / does not take / back his / word.
- 6 He does not give his money in / hope of / gain, \* nor does he take a / bribe a/gainst the / innocent.
- †7 Whoever / does these / things \* Shall / never be / over/thrown.

Reader A reading from the letter of James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

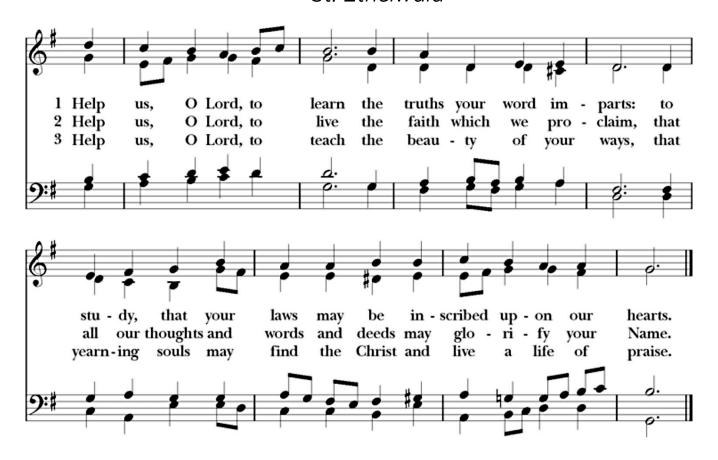
But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act-they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**The Sequence Hymn** Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths **Hymnal 628**St. Ethelwald



**The Gospel** 

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Leader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. **People Glory to you, Lord Christ** 

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is

written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Leader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon** 

The Reverend Rachel Wenner Gardner

### The Nicene Creed

ΑII

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and

glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# The Prayers of the People, Form VI

Reader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Reader: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who

are alone.

Reader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Reader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Reader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the

needy.

Reader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Reader: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Daniel, our Bishop; and

for all bishops and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Reader: For the **special needs and concerns** of this congregation.

We pray for those in crisis throughout the world, especially in

Haiti and Afghanistan.

We pray for those who are suffering from COVID-19.

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers, especially: Jim, Michael, Kyle, the Vicker Family, David, Mark, Michael, the Smith Family, Rebecca's family, Mary's family, Grandma Moon, Roy, James, the Carambo Family, Vincent, the Ayrey Family, the Cohen Family, the Phillips Family, Grace, Scott, Jeff, Eddie, Alexandra, The Loffer Family, Edwina, The Spencer Family, Kara, Megan, Leonard, the Kittrell Family, Barbara, and Peyton.

Prayers from the congregation may be added

Reader: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Reader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

For all those who are returning to school this week, and those

that love and support them.

For those who are celebrating **Birthdays or Anniversaries** 

this week.

Prayers from the congregation may be added

And for all our thanksgivings:

Prayers from the congregation may be added

Reader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in

your eternal kingdom.

Prayers from the congregation may be added

Reader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Reader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

### **Confession & Absolution**

All

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

### The Peace

Leader The Peace of the Lord be always with you

People And also with you.

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# **Parish Notices**

Weekday prayers continue Monday-Friday mornings at 9:00 am and Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm on Facebook.

Join us in each Sunday after church in Rittenhouse Square for BYO Coffee Hour.

Bishop Gutierrez will be visiting with us on October 3. If you are interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, please talk to John or Rachel to sign up for classes in September.

The Re-Entry Committee and Vestry have created a plan for worship, as we contend with the Delta variant of COVID-19. An update from them with this plan went out on email this week, and will be on the website. It is likely that how to worship will change as things change in the city, so please be on the lookout for updates. Our top priority is the health and safety of everyone. Virtual services will continue no matter what we are doing in the church.

Today we say a HUGE thank you to Dr. Ben Leiby, Organist/Choirmaster pro tempore, for filling in for the last two years. He has been a steady, caring, and excellent presence throughout and we are so grateful for his service to the church. He will be taking a break for a short time and then returning to support the new Director of Music.

Next week we welcome our new Director of Music, Donald Meineke. We are thrilled to have him finally begin with us and excited for you to get to know him. If you are able, we invite you to join us in the Square after church on Sunday, September 6 and 13 to meet him in person.

If you wish to give a gift today, we encourage you to do so during the Offertory Anthem. You can do this by texting CHT DONATE to 73256 or Pressing Learn More on our Facebook Page or, if you are watching on our website, you can click the donate button on the top of the page.

# **Backpack Blessing**

Leader God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for the fall when school begins again and the leaves begin to turn. We thank you for

another new school year, where we can be with our friends, see our teachers in the flesh, and be in our classrooms again.

Today we pray especially for students, teachers, parents, and all those who support them as they begin another school year that brings change and uncertainty. We pray for those who are returning to familiar places, and those who are beginning new experiences in new school. We ask that you keep them safe, give them hope, and bless them with curiosity, patience, flexibility and care for each other.

May our backpacks and bags be a sign to those who wear them that they have everything they need to learn and grow this year and that they are never alone because you are always with them. May we all be guided by and reflect your love in all they do. Bless these bags and fill them with your love. Amen.

# **Offertory Sentence**

Leader

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:1-2)

# **Offertory Anthem**

Lobt Gott mitt Schall

**Heinrich Schütz** 

Lift up your voice, in God rejoice; all nations, raise your singing. Favor divine on us now shine; with grace our hearts are springing, God's promise sure will true endure, the word will fail us never. With joy we are crowned; let hearts resound, singing praise in all endeavors; Hallelujah forever.



# **The Holy Communion**

## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Leader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Leader Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

# The Sanctus John French- Rittenhouse Mass









Leader

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

A// We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Leader

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.** 

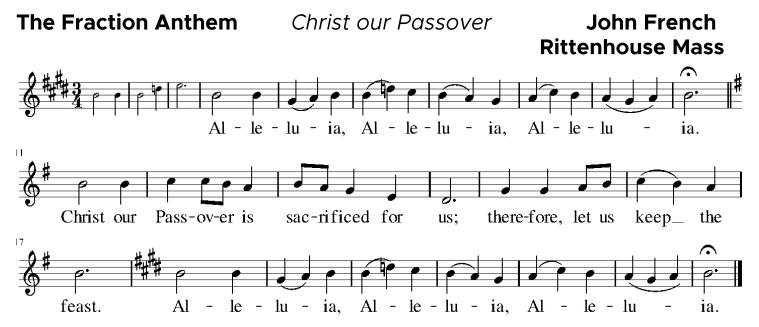
# The Lord's Prayer

Leader And now, as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

# The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



Leader The Gifts of God for the People of God, take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

# **The Prayer for Spiritual Communion** (for those at home)

All My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liquori, 1696-1787)

## **Distribution of Communion**

Communion will be given in one kind only (bread). Those who wish to receive communion should sanitize their hands and stand in their pews. The priest will give communion to the choir and organist first, and then will bring it to the congregation in their pews. If you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer a blessing for yourself or your child, please let the priest know when they come to your pew.

#### **Communion Hymn** O Master, let me walk with thee **Hymnal 660** Maryton low - ly walk with thee 1 О Mas - ter, let me in 2 Help some clear, slow of me the heart to move by clos - er, 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in in hope that sends shin - ing ray far down the a of paths vice free: tell thy ser me se - cret; win - ning the word $\mathbf{of}$ love; teach way - ward me dear - er work that comin keeps faith pa ny, fu - ture's broad - ening in peace that on - ly way, help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care. feet guide them stay, and in the home - ward way. to tri - umphs sweet and strong, in trust that wrong, $\mathbf{o}$ ver thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

# **Post Communion Prayer**

Leader Let us pray.

All

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# A Special Thank You for Dr. Ben Leiby, Organist/Choirmaster, protempore

Leader

Lord, we have felt your presence in this place and you have led us as a congregation. Through good times and difficult times we have felt your hand of grace, forgiveness and healing. You have sent us leaders and parishioners who have helped us continue our ministry and reach to all.

Today, as a congregation, we want to publicly express our gratitude to Dr. Ben Leiby, who has filled in in various roles for the last two plus years, but especially as Organist/Choirmaster *pro tempore* throughout the pandemic.

We thank you for his gift of time, talent and treasure to continue the ministry of music, even when we could not do it the way we have always done.

# People We give you thanks, Lord.

Leader

We thank you for his gentle care, which nurtured and supported the choir and the congregation throughout the pandemic, finding new ways for us to lift our voices in praise and prayer.

## People We give you thanks, Lord.

Leader

We thank you for his flexibility and creativity, which helped us to try new things, find new ways to integrate music into our service, and discover the wide breadth of music the Episcopal Church has to offer.

# People We give you thanks, Lord.

Leader

We thank you for his prayerful planning of music, which never fails to lift up and highlight the scriptures, prayers, and preaching each week.

### People We give you thanks, Lord.

Leader We thank you for all the things he has done quietly and without accolades because he loves this church.

## People We give you thanks, Lord.

Leader For all these things and so much more, we offer our gratitude and thanksgiving. May God's blessing be upon you this day and for ever.

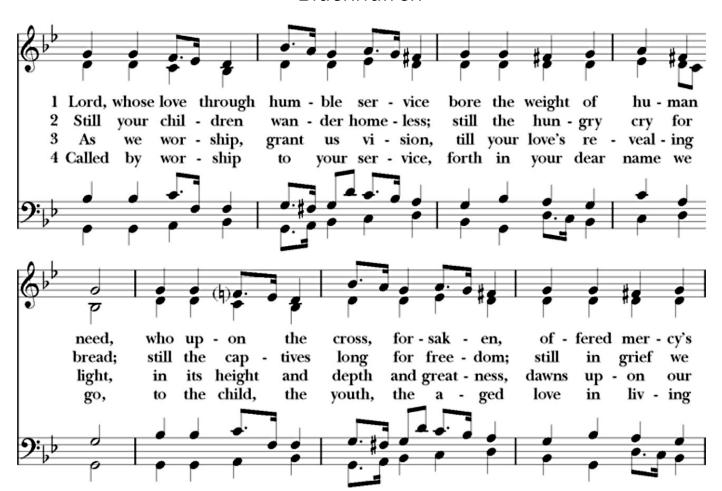
Amen

# The Blessing

Leader The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always.

# People Amen.

# **The Closing Hymn** Lord, whose love through humble **Hymnal 610**Blaenhafren





## The Dismissal

Leader Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the

spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Praeludium in g minor

**Dietrich Buxtehude** 

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# **Gentle Reminders for our Guests today:**

As a community in Christ, we are called to work together to create an inclusive worship experience that is **safe for everyone** – ourselves, our neighbors, and our loved ones.



As a gentle reminder, **please wear your masks at all times over your mouth and nose** when inside of the Church and its adjoining property. We ask that you gently remind your neighbors to do the same when necessary.

During **the Peace**, we invite you to connect with your neighbors by waving, showing the peace sign, or using fist or elbow bumps. Please be sure that your neighbor is comfortable with physical connections before offering that kind of peace.





**Children** are welcome to join us for worship services today! We do not mind little voices and noises that children naturally make, so don't worry if they are not sitting perfectly still and silent! That's not normal! We do ask that all family members sit together throughout the service.

**Offering:** We will not be passing a plate today, you can give to the church by dropping your envelope or money in the plate located near the table with the bulletins. You can also text **CHT DONATE to 73256.** or use the Realm app on your phone.



**Communion** will be given in the form of bread only. The priest will bring the bread to you in your seat. We ask that you please use the individual hand sanitizer before receiving and stand in your pew to indicate your desire to receive communion.

Thank you for joining us today and helping us with your cooperation. Together — we'll get through this.